

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 2-7 and 9-25 are allowed. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons stated in the Appeal Brief, having a mailing date of March 15, 2006. The Appeal Brief is based upon a notice of appeal, filed on January 16, 2006, which was filed in response to the final Office Action with a mailing date of November 28, 2005.

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 1-25 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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